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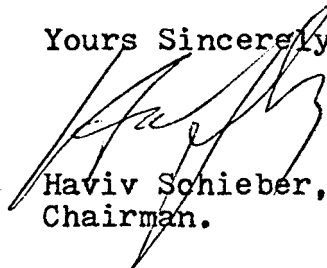
William J. Casey

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed our invitation to
the conference on December 4th and 5th, on American interests
in the Middle East.

We hope that you will respond.

Yours Sincerely,



Haviv Schieber,
Chairman.

November 20, 1982

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Call of a Founding Convention for the Creation of a Holy Land State

- to Liberate the United States from the domination of Zionism
- to promote enduring peace in the Middle East based on justice for all its people

December 4th and 5th

Washington Hotel, Pennsylvania Ave. at 15th Street,
Washington, D.C. (One block from the White House)
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For thirty-four years United States foreign policy in the Middle-East has been controlled by the "understanding" that Israel is an American outpost and that the interests of Israel are identical with the interests of the people of this nation. This false presumption has denied peace to the area, has denied to millions of Palestinians the right to a homeland, has turned Israel into an autocratic, aggressive and militaristic state and has caused the United States to be politically and morally isolated from much of the rest of the world.

This costly policy has been possible due to domestic Zionist influence within the United States which has colored all news coverage and discussion about the Middle East for three decades and due to the Israeli influence within our political sectors and communications industry.

The result is that members of the Congress have repeatedly voted against their own best judgement, contrary to the dictates of both their conscience and their constituents, out of fear of political retaliation by the Israeli lobby and its American agents.

In the past many who were not Jewish, including professors, writers and newscasters, were intimidated into silence or acquiescence for fear of being branded anti-Semitic. Thus Israel was free to invade and test by its neighbors, occupy areas to which it had no right, persecute minorities in Israel as well as in territories it occupied illegally, and all the while demand and receive billions of dollars from the United States. Israel speaks of "terrorism" directed against it while it practices a policy of national terrorism against its neighbors and domestic terrorism against Palestinians. Its present leader is a man

with experience in terror and murder going back three and a half decades.

Israel speaks of its need for secure borders, yet its borders expand with a suddenness and a regularity which defy hopes of peace, the rights of its neighbors and any semblance of respect for international law.

Three facts emerge with clarity as we examine the recent history of the Middle East. U.S. foreign policy in that area neither serves the genuine interests of the American people nor the interests of the Jewish people in Israel. Certainly that policy does not serve the interests of the Arab population — the people who have historically and at the present time constitute the overwhelming majority of the residents of the area.

By ardently and constantly supporting Israel the United States has increasingly alienated itself from much of the world, particularly from the Arab nations. That support apparently survives the most abhorrent actions of the State of Israel including the bombing of civilian population centers and responsibility for massacres of refugees from their homeland in Palestine, many of whom left Palestine due to the massacre of civilians at the village of Deir Yassin. Mr. Begin was also responsible for that massacre in April 1948.

An indication of this nation's isolation from the world community can be found in a recent vote in the General Assembly condemning Israel's most recent behavior. The vote, 147-2, found the United States and Israel standing together and alone against the expressions of moral outrage which united our friends, those perceived as our enemies and those who remain neutral.

Ten years before Israel became a state Albert Einstein wrote "I should much rather see reasonable agreement with the Arabs on the basis of living together in peace than the creation of a Jewish state. Apart from practical consideration, my awareness of the essential nature of Judaism resists the idea of a Jewish state with borders, an army, and a measure of temporal power no matter how modest. I am afraid of the inner damage Judaism will sustain — especially from the development of a narrow nationalism within our own ranks, against which we have already had to fight strongly, even without a Jewish state."

Now Israel has become a national ghetto in which thousands of Jews who had sought a full and rich life find themselves hopelessly entrapped.

The Palestinians, through their representative, the Palestine Liberation Organization, have advocated the creation of a democratic and secular state in which Moslems, Jews, Christians, and even non-believers can live and work together in peace. Surely such a solution is in the best interests of the American people as well as of the Jewish and Palestinian populations of the Middle East.

Sincerely,

Haviv Shieber, Chairman.
Holy Land State Committee

Rabbi Elmer Berger, Director
Jewish Alternatives to Zionism

Dr. John Davis, Former Commissioner
UNRWA (United Nations)

While the debate about present Israeli policy rages in Israel and throughout most of the rest of the world, in the United States, the nation which is ultimately responsible for the actions of Israel, too little discussion is taking place. Here the Congress and the news media seem to be in the grasp of a Zionist minority which has prevented full, adequate, and necessary debate.

During the first weekend of December 1982, an effort to free our political structures from the constraints of Zionist influence will take place in Washington, D.C. This founding convention of the Holy Land State Committee will be held at the Washington Hotel on December 4 and 5. Prominent speakers will address the relevant questions of the Middle East, workshops will consider specific proposals and a program will emerge designed to bring peace to the Holy Land and justice to all those who live there.

The signers of this letter have varying and even conflicting political perspectives. Yet there is one common denominator. We are all people who have witnessed a holocaust in our lifetime. We have dedicated ourselves to the struggle against another holocaust, with the knowledge that massacres committed by a self-proclaimed Jewish state are no less morally abhorrent.

Hon. Andrew Killgore,
Former U.S. Ambassador to Qatar

Mark Lane,
Director, National Council on the Middle East

Grace Halsell,
Author and journalist

Registration Information:

Registration fee \$10.00 [Students and unemployed, \$5.00]

Hotel accommodations [at the Washington Hotel] \$40.00 per person [two per room] [double rate]

Banquet \$35.00 per plate

(Registration, hotel accommodations for two nights, banquet, information packet all for \$125.00)

For registration and hotel information, contact:

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